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Fayette City Fire Loss \$75,000

MONESSEN EIGHT-YEAR-OLD DISAPPEARS FROM HIS HOME

Supposed to Have Gone
Toward New York
City

MIND FIRED BY PICTURES

William Tell Sort of Lad
Anxious to Follow Life
of Adventure

Morris Rosenbloom, 8 years old, the son of Benjamin Rosenbloom, a Monessen baker, is among the missing, having disappeared from home last Saturday. The lad is supposed to have gone in the direction of New York, where it is alleged he had told his mother he was going to become a "cow boy."

Apparently the boy's mind had become filled with deeds of daring cowboys as seen at the moving picture shows, and he conceived the idea that as the pictures were supposed to be made in New York there would be the place for him to go to satisfy his desire for adventures. He was last seen at about 11 o'clock Saturday morning.

Last Thursday the boy ran away, it is said, and was found on the streets of Monongahela. He was sent back home and then kept in the house until Saturday, when he was let out, to again disappear.

The boy is remarkably bright for a lad his age, but his mind is inflamed more with tales of daring and such as is pictured and such as he is able to read about. He is naturally of a romantic nature, and it is understood that at the age of three years, when the family lived in Canonsburg, he ran away and went to Washington, where he was found some time later. At another time after the family had moved to Monessen, he was discovered with a 22 calibre revolver, playing the part of William Tell. Rosenbloom had on a gray suit. He weighs 65 pounds and is a talkative little chap.

MINISTER SURPRISED

Rev. D. V. Jones, pastor of St. James A. M. E. church, and wife were tendered a surprise by members of his church and a number of friends when they flocked in upon him one evening recently, each bearing some token of esteem. On behalf of the member Rev. D. F. Ferguson made a presentation speech, which was feelingly responded to by both Rev. Jones and Mrs. Jones. Among the articles presented the popular minister and his wife were a ham, two sacks of flour, potatoes, tomatoes, corn, sugar, coffee and numerous other things. The sum of \$5.20 was presented by Mrs. Cassie Fredwood, it having been donated by white friends. The committee arranging the affair consisted of Mrs. Fredwood, Misses Stella Minnie and M. Dillion. Refreshments were served.

T. Jay Reeves and Floyd Chalfant were visitors in Charleroi on Sunday with the latter's brother J. R. Chalfant.

Loses Marble; Fire is Result

Monessen Boy Nearly Causes
Bad Conflagration
Sunday Afternoon

When a boy lost a marble in a cellar of M. W. Cheesbrough at Monessen yesterday and struck a match to search for it, he started a fire, which had not it been for prompt work on the part of volunteer firemen might have resulted seriously.

Last night the Monessen fire department was called to the home of Charles Smith of Second street. The people had been awakened by smoke. The firemen cut through various parts of the house but could discover no fire. Finally the smoke disappeared. Miss Clara Everhart, who was visiting the Smiths, needed the attention of a physician, on account of the smoke had she inhaled.

OPINION RENDERED BY COURT

Vandergrift Case Over
Tombstone is at
an End.

BODY MAY BE REMOVED

Judge J. A. McIlvaine Saturday handed down an adjudication in the litigation of the Vandergrift heirs over a tombstone in the Beallville cemetery and the removal of the body of Mrs. John H. Vandergrift to an adjoining lot.

Mrs. Julia A. Vandergrift of Alleport is the plaintiff, and the defendants are Mrs. Riley Anderson of Fredericktown and Mrs. Mary E. Scott of Washington, daughters of the late John H. Vandergrift. The plaintiff is their sister-in-law and the widow of the late John M. Vandergrift.

In its adjudication the court rather compromises the matter. The tombstone, valued at \$300, removed from the lot, title to which is claimed by the plaintiff, is to be allowed to remain in the defendants' lot, where their father lies, but they must pay the plaintiff \$300 for another stone to take the place of the one removed from plaintiff's lot. The daughters are to be permitted to remove the body of their mother from the lot owned by Mrs. Julia Vandergrift. This will leave the plaintiff's lot for herself and for her husband, who already lies there. The defendants are directed to pay the costs.

Miss Anna Buchanan visited California friends Saturday evening.

SEVEN BUSINESS HOUSES ARE ENTIRELY DESTROYED

Fayette City Fire Department Unable to Control
Flames Issues Call for Assistance to Charleroi,
Monessen and Belle Vernon—Prompt Response Saves Town From Probable Destruction

CONFLAGRATION ORIGINATES IN ELEVATOR SHAFT OF MULLIN BLOCK AT BACK OF TAILOR SHOP

Seventy-five thousand dollars damage was done by the worst fire that ever visited Fayette City this morning, when nearly a square in the heart of the town was burned out.

Seven buildings were practically burned to the ground and a number of stores completely gutted. The fire started at the rear of the tailoring establishment of Nathan and Myers at about 4:15 o'clock in an elevator shaft. Charleroi, Monessen and Belle Vernon fire departments were called upon for aid, and responding promptly managed to save the entire square from destruction. Property losses were as follows as near as can be estimated:

Nathan and Myers, \$300. No insurance.
C. W. Johnson, variety store, \$1,500. No insurance.
Star Theatre, \$300. No insurance.
M. Wiseman, fruit store, \$1,000. No insurance.
Frank Censleek, justice of peace and office and residence, \$1,100. No insurance.
M. Winer, ladies and gents' furnishings, \$3,500. No insurance.
Joseph Bondi, fruit dealer, \$300. No insurance.
Williams' Pharmacy, \$5,000. Seventy-five per cent insurance.
Miller and Baldwin pool room, \$4,500. Partially insured.
Lytle's Pharmacy \$200. Insured.
School building, frame structure, totally destroyed. Loss \$2,500. Insured.
Eagles Club rooms, over tailoring establishment, \$1,500. Insured.
Citizens' bank, \$300. Insured.
J. P. Stoterbeck, hardware and machine warehouse in Mullin block, \$2,500. Totally insured.
Postoffice. Damage not estimated.
McKay residence, \$300.
Ereyers Meat Market, \$25.
The Mullin block, which it is understood is owned by J. N. Mullin of Donora, was a three story building on the corner of Back and Market streets. Flames had a good start back of the tailoring establishment before they were discovered. At the time the alarm was given, and before the Fayette City fire department could arrive on the scene they had gained great headway. On account of poor hose and inefficient fire fighting apparatus to cope with a large fire, the volunteer firemen could do little, and the fire spread down Market with astonishing rapidity. Gas pipes in one or two of the buildings were melted and gas poured out and caught fire.

Down Market street the conflagration progressed until the corner of Market and Main was reached and the buildings on Main caught fire.

When it was seen that the Fayette City fire department could not hope to cope with the raging fire, telephone messages were sent to Chief J. M. Fleming of Charleroi, Chief William Laird of Monessen and the chief of the Belle Vernon fire department. Chief Fleming turned in the alarm and soon had 15 men ready to start. A special car was secured from the Pittsburgh Railway company and taking two reels of hose the company hastened to the scene of the fire. They arrived just 10 minutes after the Monessen and Belle Vernon departments who went by special train, and had their 1,000 feet of hose and had a stream of water playing on the flames in less time than it takes to tell it. Attention was turned to buildings along Main street to keep the flames from spreading further and after much hard work the firemen succeeded in controlling the conflagration. Shortly after the Charleroi, Monessen, and Belle Vernon departments returned home.

When it was seen that the fire could not be controlled without eating out a large portion of the business section volunteers started to get furniture and personal belongings from many of the buildings and considerable property was saved in that way. The mail from the postoffice was saved. J. N. Mullin, it is stated, owned most of the buildings burned, although another block owned by T. W. Miller and R. M. McCune, in which were the postoffice and the pool room was totally destroyed.

Incendiarism is suspected. There is a rumor on the streets of Fayette City that some person who had a grudge at one of the fruit dealers is responsible.

The fire is the biggest in the history of Fayette City. Two years or so ago there was a bad fire in the business section of the town, when several stores and dwellings were destroyed in the heart of the town, but that conflagration was not as serious as the present one.

WAS SICK FOUR YEARS

Daniel Stroud, Well
Known Charleroi Man
Dies Today

James Daniel Stroud, 55 years and 7 months old, a well known resident of Charleroi died this morning at 12:45 o'clock after suffering for four years from consumption. He expired in the presence of all members of his family, at his home on Prospect avenue. The funeral will be conducted by Rev. V. G. Hottel of the Christian church at his late residence at 1 o'clock Wednesday. Interment will be in the Maple Creek cemetery.

The deceased is survived by his wife, Jane Hansen Stroud, three sons, Charles, Burton and Walter, one daughter, Miss Bessie, all of Charleroi; his mother Mrs. Martha Stroud of East Pike Run township, and one brother Burton of East Pike Run. Mr. Stroud has lived here for about

MINISTER STRICKEN

Fayette City Pastor
Has Apopleptic
Attack

Rev. Theodore S. Negley, pastor of the Little Red Stone Presbyterian church, three miles from Fayette City, was stricken with apoplexy last Friday night as he was about to start for Georgia to remain for his health the next two months. It was reported that his condition was serious. Mr. Negley is 65 years old and is a well known clergyman in Western Pennsylvania. He is a member of the Uniontown presbytery.

Addison Ebberts was sent to the Mercy Hospital Pittsburgh today to take treatment for stomach trouble.

8 years coming from Fallowfield township. He entered business here but shortly after was forced to retire because of ill health.

HOME BURNS TO GROUND WHILE FAMILY IS ABSENT

Governor is
Honor Guest

Pennsylvania Society Holds
Banquet in New York
City

Governor John K. Tener was one of the honor guests at a banquet in New York Saturday night given by the Pennsylvania Society. President W. H. Taft was the principal speaker. Governor Tener also made a brief address. Charleroi was represented in addition to Governor Tener by Kerfoot W. Daly, cashier of the Bank of Charleroi and J. E. Masters. Mr. Daly is chairman of the Washington county contingent of the Pennsylvania Society.

ACCEPTS CALL TO THE EAST

Rev. Clifford Joshua to
Leave Soon for
Nesquehoning.

HERE ABOUT ONE YEAR

Rev. Clifford S. Joshua, pastor of the First Baptist church, Sunday morning presented his resignation to his congregation as minister and announced that he had accepted a call to the First Baptist church of Nesquehoning, Carbon county. The resignation, which was accepted, will take effect



Rev. Clifford Joshua.

the first of February, and Rev. Joshua will deliver his farewell sermon next Sunday evening.

During the past two weeks Rev. Joshua has been holding revival ser-

Collins Homestead at
Elco is Prey to
Flames

INCENDIARISM SUGGESTED

Fire Starts in Basement and
Gains Headway Before
Being Discovered

Fire of unknown origin totally destroyed the old Collins homestead, owned by George Collins, with its contents at Elco Saturday night, entailing a loss of about \$5,000 all told. Three-fourths of the loss is covered by insurance.

The house has been closed up for three months, members of the family with the exception of Mr. Collins being in Florida. He has not been living at the house. When the place was closed up gas was turned off at the meter, and all the matches removed from the premises. Not fifteen minutes before flames were discovered, Robert Little, a young Elco man, passed the building on his way to Roscoe, and looked at the house but failed to notice any smoke or indication of fire. When the alarm was turned in flames were eating their way into the upper part of the house and gaining headway every second. The building was a two story structure and the dry wood burned like so much tinder. Without the aid of extensive fire fighting apparatus little could be done and it was not many minutes after the fire started at about 6:30 o'clock until the whole was a mass of ruins with nothing standing but the chimneys.

Apparently the fire originated in the basement and there are hints at incendiarism. Mr. Collins was in Pittsburgh at the time and did not know a thing about the fire until late in the evening. Some time ago he had a building destroyed by fire at Elco, entailing a heavy loss to him.

Notice to Taxpayers:

This is the last month for 1910 taxes at face. Beginning with February 1, five per cent will be added to all 1910 borough and school taxes. I also have the 1909 and 1910 State and county delinquent list.

14016 J. W. Mathias, Collector.

Melford McCann and Elmer Wolfe were visitors at Charleroi Saturday evening.

vices at Nesquehoning, and he was remarkably successful, so much so, in fact that, the congregation of that place extended to him an urgent call to become their pastor. Nesquehoning is in the center of a Welsh settlement, and Rev. Joshua who came from Wales little more than a year ago, considers that he can do possibly better work in the eastern town than he can here.

Rev. Joshua has become a popular minister during his stay in Charleroi, and his departure will be regretted by his many friends and acquaintances as well as his brother ministers, by whom he was held in high regard. He became pastor of the Charleroi church in March 1, 1910.

J. K. Tener, Pres. S. A. Walton, Vice Pres. R. H. Rush, Cashier.

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LOCAL AGENCIES
George S. Micht, Charleroi
Clyde Collins, Speers
Dooley, Dunlevy
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Jan. 23 In American History.

1813—George Clymer, "Signer" of
Pennsylvania, died; born 1745.
1872—Severe storm in the territory
caused a railroad blockade lasting
a month.

1893—Rev. Phillips Brooks, Episcopal
bishop, died; born 1835.

1910—Ezra Kendall, popular comedian,
died at Martinsville, Ind.; born
1861. John R. Walsh, convicted
Chicago banker, began a five year
sentence in the federal prison at
Leavenworth, Kan.

ASTRONOMICAL EVENTS.

(From noon today to noon tomorrow)
Sun sets 5:03, rises 7:13; moon rises
2:31 a. m.; planet Mercury visible low
in southeast at dawn.

The Handwriting

Evidently seeing the handwriting
on the wall ament the increased agi-
tation for the parcels post, the express
companies, it is stated, will effect a
marked reduction shortly in their
carrying charges. Newspaper dis-
patches state that an agreement has
been made for decidedly lower sched-
ule of rates, and that it will be put
in effect in both the United States
and Canada shortly.

So far as checking the move for
the parcels post is concerned, the
reduction in express charges will not
avail anything at the present time.
The time was, perhaps, when the ex-
press companies might have made
good with the public instead of extort-
ing the last penny of tribute the
traffic would bear. The parcels post
is a function the government owes to
the people and the latter are begin-
ning to see the light sufficiently to
assert their rights. The spirit of
political insurgency that has swept
over the country is but a forerunner
of more that is to come if the people
are not considered as well as the
trusts. The handwriting is on the
wall, and the express companies can-
not stem the tide of protest that is
being made against longer delay in
establishing the parcels post.

Our Fire Fighters

In responding the C Q D call of
Fayette City this morning the Char-
leroi Volunteer Fire Department
again demonstrated its efficiency as a
fire fighting body. The timely ar-
rival of a detachment of the Charleroi
company with its equipment, in con-
junction with a similar squad from
Monessen, saved Fayette City from
virtual destruction.

Once again Charleroi has demon-
strated its neighborliness and willing-
ness to help out a neighboring town
in distress. Since its present organ-
ization Charleroi has responded to
calls for aid from Belle Vernon, Mon-
essen, Monongahela, Coal Centre and
Fayette City. Each time the com-
pany has extraordinary efforts to
get away quickly thus demonstrating
its efficiency and ability. It is
this efficiency in arriving on the scene
of a fire quickly, that has pre-
vented any destructive fires from
spreading thus far in Charleroi.
The two last fires were destructive,
and would have spread widely, but
for the timely arrival and prompt and

Intelligent work on the part of the
department.

Charleroi has not yet had to flash
the C Q D signal to any of her neigh-
bors yet, but if occasion demands the
department is assured of a willing
response from all her sister towns
she has aided in the past.

ELECTRIC SPARKS

Banquets are not always the de-
lectable affairs they seem to be at
first sight. A sour stomach and a
headache sometimes follow anticipa-
tion.

One man has stocked up for burg-
lars with three guns, a butcher knife,
his grandfather's sword, a lance and
a meat chopper. Added to that
artillery he has secured a watch dog
and has had installed a burglar alarm.
He puts the back of a bed against one
door and the table and a barricade of
chairs against others. He has nailed
down every window for the winter,
but with all that he can't sleep for
fear of burglars.

It's a good thing Sir Launfal has
his vision when he did. If he had
waited until today he might never
have had a decent dream.

It's about time for Brownsville to
put out another noted man.

Alexander wept because he had no
more worlds to conquer. The Amer-
ican way is to get out and hunt 'em.

A barber in Duluth has invented
"buttonless suspenders." Huh!
That's a bum invention. There's no
buttons on a belt.

American mules are preferred to
all other kinds in South Africa.
Probably the native dialects there
are the nearest possible approach in
sound to the language on which the
mules are brought up.

Some orchestras play such rotten
music that sometimes you can't even
tell it from the classic kind.

A reign of terror reigns in Char-
leroi. Wouldn't it be wise to have
less reign?

Some folks never say a word about
the weather bureau. But you ought
to hear them talk about the fallacies
of the newspaper.

Friendship is a thing which runs
out when your money fails.

PICKED UP IN PASSING

Speaking of the executive genius
required to conduct a big mail order
store business J. K. Johnston, super-
intendent of the Charleroi Coal works,
related an incident that came under
his observation. Out in an Ohio town
where he is acquainted a company of
progressive business men organized a
stove factory for the purpose of ben-
efitting the community as well as a
business investment. They built their
factory and started to manufacture
stoves. A good article was manufac-
tured all right, but the company had
difficulty in selling their stoves.
Finally when the time came that they
either had to find a market or close
down indefinitely, the manager, who
had staked all he had and more, too,
went to Cleveland to consult some
business friends.

The latter after hearing the details,
advised the manager to go to Chicago
and try to make a contract with some
of the mail order houses there. He did
so and got Seers, Robuck and Co., inter-
ested. A representative was sent to
the factory and looked things over.
Returning to Chicago the firm sub-
mitted a proposition to the stove com-
pany offering to take their entire pro-
duct at a flat rate of a certain price
per pound. The manager consulted
with the board of directors and the
foreman of the factory, and the latter
stated positively that the price offered
was below the cost of production, and
gave figure to prove it.

Driven to desperation the manager
made another trip to Chicago and
again consulted the executive head
of the mail order house, and asked
if he couldn't raise the price as the
first figure was away below the cost
of production.

"No," said the executive manager,
"we can't pay any more. So far as
the price offered is concerned we
know that you can make out on it,
the profit will not be large, but it
will be constant. If you care to
accept we'll send some men down and
show you how to run your factory
so that you can make money at the
price offered."

The stove factory manager thought
it over and accepted. Seers, Robuck
and Co. sent four men to the Ohio
town, who reorganized the business
and the mail order house took their
whole product. That was several

years ago, and the factory has been
running steadily and increasing its
product ever since.

Should a novelist visit the Charleroi
postoffice now and observe and watch
he would get plenty of foundation for
good live stuff for which a title might
be suggested, "the Postoffice Romance."
For characters he could have a young
man of pleasing personality and a
young woman with endearing eyes
and beautiful features. The plot
would be easy.

A few days ago one of the clerks
at the postoffice noticed the frequency
with which the young man in ques-
tion made visits to the postoffice ap-
parently without any definite motive.
He remained for hours at a time
some days. Finally after two or
three days of this behavior, the force
became suspicious, and was nearly on
the point of calling an officer to in-
vestigate, when the cause of the
young man's presence became known.

Last Friday the story came to
light. After the young man had re-
mained at the postoffice for nearly
two hours doing nothing, a plump nice
ly dressed girl was seen to enter one
of the doors. Instantly the young
chap's face lit up with pleasure.
Her face also betrayed her joy at
meeting him. The assumed a position
away from notice behind a door and
presently the couple were engrossed
in earnest conversation.

After a few minutes she left in
the direction she had come and he
likewise disappeared but in another
direction.

The postoffice is still their trysting
place, the employees there not
having the heart to interfere with
their innocent pleasure, and every-
thing points the culmination of a
beautiful romance in the near future.

"I heard a good one on the high
prices charged by first class hotels,"
said a Charleroi man Saturday.
"Down at the Grand Theatre in
Pittsburg a monologist related how
a small, thin, thin, thin, thin, thin
shivering one night in front of the
Daquesne club, trying to sell his
papers to the clubmen who passed in
and out. Finally a richly dressed man
came down the steps from the club.
He was clad in a fur overcoat and
cap to defy the blizzard that was
raging and looked rich and prosper-
ous. Spying the shivering and half
frozen newsy the man approached him
and said:

"Are you hungry, my boy?"
"Yes," replied the newsy in faint
voice.

"Would you like something to
eat?"

"Yes," said the philanthropist
digging down in his trousers pocket,
"is five hundred dollars. Take it and go
to the Hotel Schenley and buy a sand-
wich."

A FAIR OFFER

Your Money Back if You're Not
Satisfied

We pay for all the medicine used
during the trial if our remedy fails to
completely relieve you of constipation.
We take all the risk. You are not
obligated to us in any way whatever,
if you accept our offer. That's a
mighty broad statement, but we mean
every word of it. Could anything be
more fair for you.

A most scientific, common-sense
treatment is Rexall Orderlies, which
are eaten like candy. Their active
principles is a recent scientific dis-
covery that is odorless, colorless and
tasteless, very pronounced, gentle and
pleasant in action and particularly
agreeable in every way. This ingre-
dient does not cause diarrhoea,
nausea, flatulence, griping or any in-
convenience whatever. Rexall
Orderlies are particularly good for
children, aged and delicate persons.

If you suffer from chronic or habi-
tual constipation or the associate or
dependent chronic ailments, we urge
you to try Rexall Orderlies at our
risk. Remember you can get them
in Charleroi only at our store. 12
tablets 10 cents; 36 tablets 25 cents—
The Rexall Store, Carroll Drug
Store, 623 Fallowfield avenue.

A Word to the Borrower

IF you are a bor-
rower of this
paper, don't you
think it is an in-
justice to the man who is
paying for it? He may be
looking for it at this very
moment. Make it a reg-
ular visitor to your home.
The subscription price is
an investment that will
repay you well.

FAMOUS NOVELISTS.

What Some of Them Did Before They
Took to Writing.

Among those novelists who studied
law we have Fielding, Scott, Charles
Reade, Wilkie Collins, Blackmore,
Washington Irving, George Meredith,
Robert Grant, Henry James, Anthony
Hope, Rider Haggard and Owen Wis-
ter. Journalism, which Mr. Kipling
once defined as the one legitimate
branch of the profession, is represented
by Dickens, David Christie Mur-
ray, William Black, J. M. Barrie, Mar-
ton Crawford, George W. Cable,
Stephen Crane, George Barr Mc-
Cutcheon, Frank Norris, Richard
Harding Davis and David Graham
Phillips. The navy and merchant
marine have given us Smollet, Captain
Marryat, Fenimore Cooper, Clark Rus-
sell, Joseph Conrad and Morgan Rob-
ertson. Artists and architects include
Thackeray, Du Maurier, Hopkins-
Smith, Robert Chambers, Thomas Har-
dy and William J. Locke. Medicine
and theology are not so well rep-
resented. Under the former head we re-
call for the moment only Smollet
(naval surgeon), Holmes, S. Weir
Mitchell and Sir Arthur Conan Doyle;
under the latter, Sterne, Charles
Kingsley, Henry van Dyke, Edward
Everett Hale, Ian Maclaren, Ralph
Connor and Thomas Dixon. College
professors who have either given up
their chairs to become novelists or
have found time for occasional novels
in the midst of their other duties are
Sir Walter Besant, Robert Herrick and
Brander Matthews.—Bookman.

A BLOOD TAX.

Payment by a French Town to Spain
For an Ancient Crime.

Seven hundred years ago some shep-
herds of the valley of Roncal, in Na-
varre, were murdered by shepherds of
the valley of Bareton, in Bearn, the
crime taking place on the high pasture
lands of Arlas, in the Pyrennes. It
would have been difficult to bring the
murderers individually to justice, and
the Spaniards were preparing to make
war upon the valley from which the
French murderers had come when the
French villages proposed that peace be
maintained at the price of a yearly tax
or tribute, to endure for all time, and
this proposition was accepted.

The payment of this blood tax—origi-
nally three white mares, but later three
cows of a particular breed and color—
has been made ever since, the custom
(it is nothing more) having survived
even the great wars in which both
France and Spain have engaged and
the storm of the French revolution.

Yearly the representative men of the
two valleys meet on the frontier at a
certain stone remote from any town
and go through the ceremony of pre-
sents and receiving the cattle. The
order of procedure, which is elaborate
and impressive, is fixed by a document
bearing the date 1375, though the tax
was paid a hundred years prior to that
time. The records of each yearly meet-
ing and payment are duly attested and
deposited in the archives of the Ron-
calais.—New York Tribune.

The Sanity of Paris.

The French live within their means
and by a sense of economy wholly un-
known to us manage to save and re-
tire to enjoy whatever fortune has
stored up for them, says F. Berkeley
Smith in Success Magazine. To them
France is sufficient. They voyage
rarely and gamble less. The spend-
thrif or the man who plunges on the
bourse, the races and the gaming table
is regarded by the masses in the
light of a rogue and a fool. The Pa-
risians work hard enough for their
leisure, but they never eliminate it nor
allow their work to encroach upon
their traditional daily vacation, as
luncheon, the aperitif hour, dinner and
fete days. They work, not to amass
millions and die in harness, but to
save enough to give their daughter her
dot, without which she may never
marry; start their son in his chosen
trade and have enough income left to
retire before they are too old to enjoy
their freedom.

Old and Modern Customs.

Palm Sunday in certain places is
called "Fig Sunday" from the custom
of eating figs on this day, as snap-
dragons on Christmas eve, plum pud-
ding on Christmas day, oranges and
barley sugar on St. Valentine's eve,
pancakes on Shrove Tuesday, salt cod-
fish on Ash Wednesday, frumty on
"Mothering Sunday" (mid-Lent), cross
buns on Good Friday, gooseberry tart
on Whitsunday, goose on Michaelmas
day, nuts on Allhallows, and so on.—
New York American.

Leading the Leader.

A very small boy was trying to lead
a big St. Bernard dog up the road.
"Where are you going to take the
dog, my little man?" inquired a passer
by.

"I—I'm going to see where—where
he wants to go first," was the breath-
less reply.—Argonaut.

An Exceptional Case.

"What are you doing these days?"
"Playing the horses."
"No money in that."
"Yes, there is. I get \$2 a night for
imitating hoof beats in a melodrama."
—Washington Herald.

Her Bad Habit.

"I don't," said woman.
"Why not?"
"She's the woman who is all the
time teaching my wife a new way of
serving up cold meat."—Detroit Free
Press.

Integrity without knowledge is weak
and useless, and knowledge without
integrity is dangerous and dreadful.
Johnson.

Her Evidence.

"I had a colored woman before me
as a complaining witness," said a
criminal court judge. "She had a man
held for trial by a city magistrate on
the charge that he had attacked her
with a pair of scissors. 'He mont' near
gouge mah eye out, judge,' she said to
me. 'Jes' come at me lak a lion, he
did, a-roarin'.' sub. He poke me in de
face wiv dem scissors, judge, not once,
but for four or five times. He jes'
cut up my face lak it was a yaid of
ribbon, judge. The magistrate what
held him to dis heah court says he
nevah did hear tell of no more dang-
ous man."

"Well, I looked her over. She had
a wide, smooth, yellow face that didn't
have a mark on it. I told her to re-
peat her story, and she went all over
it again, telling how the man had
slashed her face with that pair of
scissors.

"But, madam, I said, 'there isn't a
mark on your face.'"

"Marks!" said she indignantly.
"Marks! What I care for marks, lem-
me ask you dat? I got witnesses, I
tell you."—New York Cor. Cincinnati
Times-Star.

She Had Courage.

A self possessed young woman who
knew no French strolled into one of
the larger downtown cafes. She spoke
to the waiter in that decisive tone
which distinguishes the initiated and
glanced over the French bill of fare
with the nonchalant air of a Pa-
risienne.

"I'll have," she began firmly as she
plunged into the sea of French dishes.
—"I'll have—let me see. Oh, yes, I'll
have some bisque tortoni, a sultana
roll, pommes de terre and a little of
that fromage. And, garcon, you might
as well bring me a cup of coffee."

The waiter gasped. He started to
speak, but the young woman froze him
with one of those icy stares peculiar
to the thoroughly sophisticated.
And the order arrived—two kinds of
ices, boiled potatoes and a piece of
cheese. But she ate it as if she had
been used to that sort of diet all her
life.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Stories on Doctors.

Sir Arthur Conan Doyle told several
good stories of old fashioned practi-
tioners he knew. There was one man,
he said, who never used to wash on
the half emptied bottles returned to
him, but emptied them into one huge
jar, from which he dispensed this mix-
ture of medicines to his more obscure
patients. "It is like grapeshot," he
said; "one of them is sure to hit."
There was another man who used to
say, "When my patients are alive I
don't know what is the matter with
them and when they die I don't know
whether they are dead." That was
like the medical man who said to a
lady whose husband he had been at-
tending, "Madam, I have a very strong
belief that your husband is dead, but
if it is your wish I have no objection
to a consultation."

Cute Little Girl.

One day while Katherine's mother
was ill a cup of beef tea was prepared
for her, but Katherine fancied it and
drank almost all of it. Her father
was about to scold her when her moth-
er said:

"Never mind; it does me just as
much good to see her drink it."

Shortly after this a dose of castor
oil was prepared for Katherine, and
she poured it into her doll's mouth.

"Why Katherine," said her aston-
ished mother, "what did you do that
for?"

"That's all right," Katherine replied,
"it will do me just as much good if
she drinks it."—Boston Herald.

The Danger of Criticism.

If you simply cannot help criticising
at least be careful in selecting your
victim.

A magazine editor to whom O. Hen-
ry had promised a story many times
without delivering it sat down one day
and wrote him thus:

"My Dear O. Henry—If I do not re-
ceive that story from you by noon to-
day I am going to put on my No. 11
shoes and come down and kick you
down your own stairs. I never fail to
keep my promises."

Whereupon O. Henry replied:
"I, too, would keep my promises if
I could do all my work with my feet."
—Chicago Tribune.

The Battle of a Week.

The battle of a week was the great
conflict at Tours in which Charles
Martel overthrew the Saracens, A. D.
732. The members of the Saracen
army are variously estimated at from
400,000 to 700,000, and the historians
say that 375,000 were killed on the
field. It is suspected that these fig-
ures are a gross exaggeration, but it
is certain that few battles of history
have been either so bloody or so de-
cisive.

In the Mining Business.

"I think you said, Rastus, that you
had a brother in the mining business
in the west?"

"Yeh, boss, that's right."

"What kind of mining—gold mining,
silver mining, copper mining?"

"No, sah, none o' those; calcitrin-
ing."—Everybody's.

The Angel.

Wife—I am trimming up last year's
hat to save the cost of a new one!
Hubby—How good of you! You're a
perfect little angel! Wife—Am I?
Then give me \$10 to buy wings.

His Impression.

Mrs. Knicker—Now, will you remem-
ber everything, John? Knicker—Yep,
I'm to turn the flowers out at night
and sprinkle the cat.—Harper's Ba-
sar.

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Made with two full soles and leather lined all through, a good dry foot working shoe, special at..... **\$1.69**
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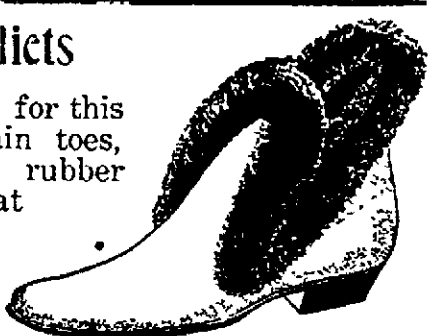
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Under the Orator's Spell.
Justice Brewer was once speaking of the oratory of John B. Gough. "I would go home after hearing his eloquence thoroughly elated, but when my father or mother asked me what Gough had said I could not tell them for the life of me. I remember once at a Yale commencement along in the fifties, about the time that I was graduated there, an incident illustrating the force of personal magnetism. Gough was to deliver an oration. He spoke, of course, on temperance. There was a distinguished audience. On the stage were many of the venerable, notable men in New Haven of that day. A large space was clear about the table, for Gough liked to walk back and forth as he talked. He described how a drunkard had beaten his wife and came to his climax with, 'Any man who would kick a woman ought to be kicked out of the universe.' "He emphasized his words with a vigorous thrust of one foot, whereat every person on the stage, intensely wrought up by the orator, likewise kicked outward as did Gough."—Kansas City Journal.

When Tabby Raises Her Battle Cry.
Despite the cat's softness, laziness, dullness and purring amiability, her piercing wariness in the night startles and exasperates us beyond all bearing—not by its loudness, but by a certain vicious, weird, half terrifying, half infuriating note in it that makes us spring to arms with the bootjack or other substitute for the boomerang, as the warwhoop of our tribal enemies did a century or centuries ago, says Dr. Woods Hutchinson in Success Magazine.

One of Mark Twain's wise old frontiersmen had caught this note when he explained to the tenderfoot that an imal speech had rules of composition and grammar, just like human speech, and that "the reason a cat riles ye so ain't on account of the noise she makes, but on account of the sickenin' bad grammar she uses." And he was right, for the grammar of scarp lifting and the whole alphabet of battle, murder and sudden death tingles and screams in the rasping cry.

Two Can Play.
"Walter," called the irate diner, "there seems to be a dollar on this bill I can't account for."
"Oh, that's just a joke, sir," apologized the waiter, "just a bet the cashier and I have. I'll have it fixed right away, sir."
"What do you mean about a bet?" asked the diner, detaining him.
"Well, sir, I bet the cashier 50 cents you would see the mistake, and he bet you wouldn't, so I win, sir."
"Suppose I hadn't noticed it?"
"He'd have got the dollar, sir."
"Oh, I see. Give me your pencil." And he wrote a few lines on the back of the bill, folded it up and handed it to the waiter. "Take that to the cashier."

The waiter leaned over the cashier's shoulder as he unfolded the paper. It read:
"I'll bet you \$5 that when you send this back you don't find me."
And they didn't.—Lippincott's.

Practical Help.
"Mister," whined the mendicant with the wooden leg, "can't you help a poor old sailor wot has had his leg bitten off by a shark?"
"Dear me!" exclaimed the kind hearted professor. "I believe I can, my poor man. Come around to the col lege."
After hobbling along for ten blocks the professor led the way through an iron gate and up to his study.
"Here you are, my poor man. Now, don't say I never gave you anything." The beggar almost toppled over with astonishment.
"W-what's that, sir?"
"Why, that's my latest book on 'Sharks and Their Ways.' If you have that book with you when you fall overboard next time you won't lose the other leg. You'll know just how to dodge them. Good day."—Chicago News.

Earliest Theater.
What was probably one of the earliest theaters built was the theater of Dionysus, which was begun five centuries before Christ. The seating capacity of this remarkable building is said to have been 30,000, nearly four times that of our largest amusement palace. The theater of Dionysus was erected when Greek art and literature were in their prime. Here were presented to appreciative spectators the wonderful works of Aeschylus, Sophocles and Euripides.

A Sickly Diary.
"Look here, old chap, I'll give you a valuable tip," said the experienced married man to the prospective bride groom. "Don't let your wife keep a diary on the honeymoon. My wife did that, and now whenever we quarrel she brings it out and reads some of the idiotic things I said to her then."

A Serious Joke.
"What has happened to Mr. White, who used to be such a joker?"
"Well, he proposed to his present wife as a joke. She accepted him, and he has given up making jokes ever since."—Dorffbarber.

Receiving.
Mr. Closecoyne (during his wife's reception)—She gives 'em lights, she gives 'em music, she gives 'em food, flowers, champagne, and that's what she calls receiving.—London Tat-Bits

Prepared.
Milly—Do you think widowers make good husbands? Billy—Sure. They know what's coming to them.—New York Times.

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Dress Goods Reductions

One special lot of dress goods that have a most interesting price. These were 75c, \$1, and \$1.50. Sale price—Half Price

85c foulards go at	65c
75c foulards go at	50c
\$1.00 foulards go at	75c
50c wool suitings at	38c
50c drapery silks	35c
\$1.00 plaid, 44-inch at	75c
1 35 cashmere soi (all silk) at	98c

Knit Scarfs and Shawls at Half Price

\$1.50 flannel skirts	98c
1.25 wool breakfast shawls	98c
5.50 double wool shawls	\$3.75
4.50 double wool shawls	3.50
6.00 double wool shawls	4.00

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We've a big lot of furs ranging in prices \$1.00, 2.00, 4.00, 5.00, 8.00, 10.00, 20.00, and all go at half price.

All mink furs or mink sets go one-third off.

Our finest \$65.00 pony coat at	\$40.00
Our finest 30.00 coats at	19.50
Our finest 25.00 coats at	15.00
Our finest 20.00 coats at	13.50
Our finest 18.50 coats at	12.50
Our finest 15.00 coats at	9.50
Our finest 12.50 coats at	8.00
Our finest 10.00 coats at	6.75

A big lot of children's coats, ages 2 to 4 years, and 6 to 14 years.

One lot children's coats in reds, blues, browns, g ays, sale price—Half Price

\$3.50 coats go at	\$2.25
4.00 coats go at	2.50
5.00 coats go at	3.50
6.50 coats go at	4.00
7.50 coats go at	4.75
8.50 coats go at	5.00
10.00 coats go at	6.50

One \$15.00 net waist\$5.00

One lot of net waists, were \$5.00, 4.50, 4.00, 3.50, sale price.....\$2.00

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One special lot of serge dresses were \$12.50, sale price.....\$5.00

Ladies' suits must be closed out and no fair offer will be refused. Look at these prices:

Our best \$27.50 suits go at	\$18.00
Our best 25.00 suits go at	15.00
Our best 22.50 suits go at	13.50
Our best 20.00 suits go at	12.50
Our best 18.00 suits go at	11.00
Our best 16.50 suits go at	10.00
Our best 15.00 suits go at	9.50
One lot ladies' suits that were \$15, \$18, \$20 and \$25, our sale price.....	7.50

Ladies' Wrappers

Ladies' \$1.00 wrappers	75c
Ladies' 1.50 wrappers	98c
50c kimono	38c
75c kimono	50c
\$1.00 kimono	75c
1.50 kimono	\$1.00

Black Petticoats

Special sale of black petticoats that should interest every woman, 47c, 69c, 98c, \$1.58, \$1.98.

Dresses

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Fine White Waists

\$1.00 white waists go at	75c
1.50 white waists go at	\$1.00
2.00 white waists go at	1.25
2.50 white waists go at	1.50
3.00 white waists go at	2.00
3.50 white waists go at	2.00
3.75 white waists go at	2.50
4.00 white waists go at	2.50

Wonderful Price Reductions to interest all people.

\$1.00 white undershirts go at	79c
1.75 white undershirts go at	\$1.25
One lot \$1.00 corset covers	69c
One lot 1.00 gowns	69c
One lot combination suits	one-fourth off
Knit goods—sweaters, leggings, toques, knit caps, go at one-fourth off.	
Dress trimmings—buy them to-day. Your choice, one-fourth off.	

A few pieces kimono cloth, 15c grade at.....11c

25c white waists.....11c

50c white waists.....33c

\$1.25 Reddisse cotton, 4 lbs.....85c

10c Elyria—home-made lace.....64

40c and 50c embroidery, special lot yd.....25c

3 pieces of 2 c curtain materials.....12 1/2

1 piece lace curtain material 50c grade.....33c

1 lot special 12 1/2c percale.....9c

Linen broderie, special.....9c

One special lot dress gingham.....7c

One special lot apron gingham.....5c

10c fleeced goods.....7c

12 1/2c fleeced goods.....9c

25c white madras.....19c

20c white madras.....12c

12 1/2 silkline drapery.....9c

Dimity bed spreads at.....half price

25c striped pongee.....15c

4 pieces french lina, 25c grade.....12 1/2c

5 pieces french galatea, 18c grade.....12 1/2c

2 pieces gray soisette, 25c grade.....12 1/2c

35c fancy soisette.....16c

One special lot of lace.....31c

One special lot embroideries.....78c

One special lot embroideries.....9c

Ladies' \$1.50 suede gloves.....\$1.15

One lot \$1.00 & \$1.25 kid gloves.....79c

One lot \$1.50 kid gloves.....95c

Ladies' 50c phoenix mufflers.....35c

Ladies' 25c phoenix mufflers.....18c

2.00 shaving mirrors.....\$1.35

50c brilliant hat pins.....35c

\$1.00 brilliant hat pins.....75c

2.00 brilliant hat pins.....1.25

2.50 brilliant hat pins.....1.50

One big lot 2-c hat pins.....13c

One-fourth off on all leather bags.

Ladies' 50c neckwear.....38c

Ladies' 25c neckwear.....19c

Children's Australian wool pants, all sizes, extra good values, one-fourth off.

Ladies' 50c belts go at.....35c

Ladies' 25c belts go at.....18c

Special sale ladies' 75c outside vests.....60c

Ladies' \$1 knit slippers.....75c

Children's 50c black vests.....35c

Ladies' 50c fleece lined hose.....35c

Ladies' puffs, \$3.00 grade at.....\$2.00

Ladies' puffs, \$2.50 grade at.....1.50

20 per cent. off all blankets and comforts.

Special sale famous Merode vests & pants.

LOCAL MENTION

Interesting News Items Condensed for Busy Readers.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Stech went to California for a visit over Sunday.

Miss B-rtha Kline and mother were in Eirama for a visit with friends Sunday.

Frank Barnett spent Sunday in Pittsburg with friends.

Thomas Owens was a Rices Landing visitor Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Richardson spent Sunday in McKeesport with relatives.

George Woodhall went to Uniontown yesterday on a business trip.

Dr. J. B. Barth is confined to his home on Washington avenue by severe illness.

Harry Christ was a visitor in Pittsburg over Sunday with friends.

Charles and Alphonse Hockendonner were Pittsburg visitors Sunday.

Councilman C. Schmeiler is transacting business today in Pittsburg.

Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Walters spent Sunday in Pittsburg visiting their son, Edgar.

Mrs. Florence Wilson and Miss Clara Collins of Uniontown left for Monongahela after visiting their friend, Mrs. Christner over Sunday.

Miss Maude Uhler of Philadelphia, a former resident of Charleroi, was a guest of Mrs. A. W. Day at the Hotel Arthur over Sunday.

Miss Murial Scott is substituting as a teacher of history at the Monessen high school.

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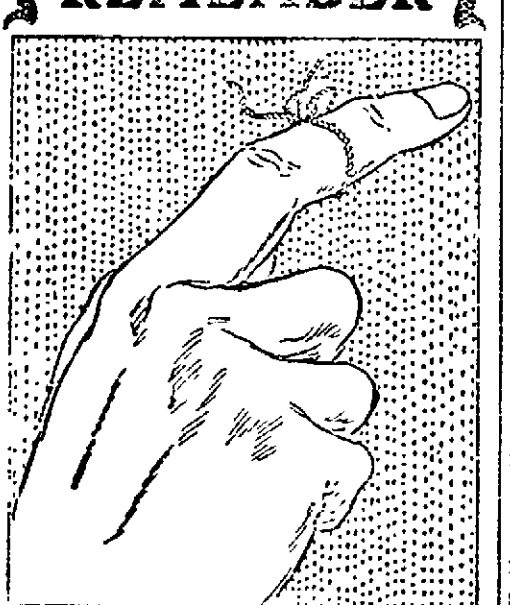
Moonlight Dance

The Treaddy Night Dancing Class will give a Moonlight dance next Tuesday evening in the Bank Hall. (Class 7:30. Social dance 9 to 12 The Skibo, which made a hit with the class, will be taught and danced on Tuesday evening 13616

The Man On the Box

The scale of prices for "The Man On The Box" which appears at the Coyle Theatre tomorrow night follow: First two rows \$1.00 each; next six rows 75c each, and last eight rows 50c each

REMEMBER



That we have every facility for turning out neat printing of all kinds. Letter heads, bill heads, office stationery, etc., furnished at the lowest prices first class work will permit.

If You Have a Printing Want

WE WANT TO KNOW WHAT IT IS

Putting out good printing is our business, and when we say good printing we don't mean fair, but the best obtainable. If you are "from Missouri" give us a trial and we will

Show You

Saved by His Wit

Lord Justice Fitzgibbon, at the time when he was one of the Justices of appeals of Ireland, was holding assizes in Tipperary county when a man was brought before him on indictment for murder. The case was proved that the victim came to his death by being hit with a stick in the hands of the defendant, but the doctor testified that he had what they called in medical parlance a "paper skull."

The case looked dark for the prisoner, however, and the jury returned a verdict of guilty. As the man was brought before the court for sentence it was noticed that his lordship had his black cap in his hand.

"Have you anything to say why sentence should not be pronounced upon you?" demanded Lord Fitzgibbon.

The man looked for a moment and then said, "No, your lordship, I have nothing to say, but I should like to ask one question."

"What is that, my man?" said Fitzgibbon.

"I should like to know what a man with a head like that was doing in Tipperary?"

The black cap was put away and a prison sentence imposed.

Portrait—A Game.

In the game called portrait one person leaves the room while the others choose the name of some one they all know. The person on re-entering the room has to guess the name selected by asking questions, which must be answered only by "Yes" or "No." For instance, "Is it a man?" "No." "Is it a woman?" "Yes." "Is she married?" "No." "Is she tall?" "Has she fair hair?" "Are her eyes blue?" "Is she in this room?" and so on till the portrait is recognized.

Sometimes the company choose the one who went outside to be the portrait, which naturally makes the guessing rather more difficult.

What Feet Are These?

There's a foot that's played all over our land.

There's a foot that is often seen in the sand.

There's a foot that crosses many a stream

And a foot we sometimes strike in a dream.

There's a foot that marches in rain or shine

And a foot that has measured many a line.

There's a foot which makes for our feet a rest

And a foot which is heard from east to west.

Answers.—Football, footprint, foot-bridge, footboard, foot soldier, foot-rule, footstool, footstep.

Above is the portrait of the largest hippopotamus in the New York zoo. He is hungry and waiting for the attendant to bring his dinner along. You can see by his open smile that he is able to take a pretty large mouthful. In captivity the hippopotamus is fed grass and hay, bread, carrots and various other vegetables. When the keeper feeds bread the hippo simply opens his mouth and lets the man pitch the leaves into his cavernous maw.

In their native habitat, Africa, hippos are sometimes found as much as fourteen feet long and nearly five feet high, but they usually are much smaller. They delight in water, living in lakes and rivers and feeding on water plants and the herbage growing near the water. They are good swimmers and divers and can remain under water eight or ten minutes.

An Account to Settle.

The Lawyer—Madam, I find that your husband's will leaves you nothing but what the law compelled him to leave you. The Widow (angry and forgetful)—Just wait till I see him!

An Example.

Knicker—They say that in 3,000 years Niagara will stop flowing. Mrs. Knicker—That makes me hope the plumber will get our leak fixed yet—Harper's Bazar.

Classified Ads

FOR SALE—Furniture including bedroom suite, chairs, table, gas range and heating stoves R. S. Philips. Frew building 1401f

FOR RENT—Two furnished rooms for light housekeeping. 107 Second street 1402n

STRAYED OR STOLEN—Scotch Collie dog, white with tan spots on face, back and tail. Reward if returned to 219 Shady avenue 1402p

FOR RENT Two rooms for light housekeeping. Inquire 75 Mail office. 13912

FOR SALE \$375 Clough and Warren Grand Combination Organ with pedals and blow lever and one Two Manual Mason and Hamlin church organ. Wm. B. Wherry, 537 Followfield avenue, Charleroi. 13818p

WANTED—A nurse girl Apply L. Collins, 218 Washington avenue. 1361f

WANTED—Girl at 325 Washington avenue. 13616p

MANDO
Removes superfluous hair from any part of the body. The only safe and reliable depilatory known. Large bottle \$1.00, sample 10c. Send for booklet free.
Madame Josephine Le Fevre,
1295 Chestnut St., Philada., Pa.
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OTTUMWA WOMAN CURED

By Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound

Ottumwa, Iowa.—"For years I was almost a constant sufferer from female trouble in all its dreadful forms; shooting pains all over my body, sick headache, spinal weakness, dizziness, depression, and everything that was horrible. I tried many doctors in different parts of the United States, but Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound has done more for me than all the doctors. I feel it my duty to tell you these facts. My heart is full of gratitude to you for my cure." Mrs. HANNEY E. WAMPLER, 524 S. Hanson Street, Ottumwa, Iowa.

Consider This Advice. No woman should submit to a surgical operation, which may mean death, until she has given Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound a fair trial.

This famous medicine, made only from roots and herbs, has for thirty years proved to be the most valuable tonic and invigorator of the female organism. Women residing in almost every city and town in the United States bear willing testimony to the wonderful virtue of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound.

Mrs. Pinkham, at Lynn, Mass., invites all sick women to write her for advice. Her advice is free, confidential, and always helpful.

WANTED

Progressive Young Man to Assist us calling on prospective stock and bond purchasers of

The National Theatre Corporation

which is about to erect a new theatre in this city. Want a young man of good local standing and one that could make an investment to insure his co-operation in this new local enterprise.

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Edwin DeLonge

817 Oliver Bldg. Pittsburg, Pa.

Home Treatment for Tuberculosis

Many people have cured themselves of Tuberculosis by a very simple and expensive home method—fresh air, careful diet and Eckman's Alternative.

This Alternative is not a new medicine. It has been conquering tuberculosis for several years, curing results after other methods had failed.

Think what this means. No specialist's fees, no sanatorium charges, no traveling expenses.

Eckman's Alternative has cured many people at home, where their dear ones encourage them and give them that tender care which money cannot buy.

After you have thoroughly investigated our affidavits and testimonials—feeling sure in your own mind that if Eckman's Alternative has cured so many others, it surely must help you—start taking the Alternative. Your improvement should be gradual, but certain.

If you have been faithful to Eckman's Alternative, you will be amazed at your improvement. A statement from one who knows follows:

Gentlemen:—For four years I was troubled with cough, which gradually became worse; I had night sweats and pains in my chest. I was losing my appetite and had become so thin and weak I could not attend to my household duties. A physician pronounced my case consumption. Not being satisfied, I was examined by the physicians of the Poly-clinic Hospital; they also pronounced the disease consumption, which was confirmed later by an examination of sputum, as Tuberculosis Bacilli was found. I was ordered to a Consumptive Hospital. My nephew would not allow me to go until I had tried Eckman's Alternative. Before I took the medicine three weeks I had marked relief; night sweats ceased; pain in the breast relieved; cough became loose and easy; I felt better and I commenced getting well. My health became normal. I am now a healthy man and have been completely cured for ten years. I am (MRS.) MARY WASSON.

Eckman's Alternative cured my tuberculosis. I have had no return of the disease. I am now a healthy man and have been completely cured for ten years. I am (MRS.) MARY WASSON.

W. F. Hennings, Charleroi, Pa.

FOR SALE

Farm of 86 acres, one mile from Charleroi, six roomed house, barn and other buildings. Fruit for home use, free gas and telephone. Would make a fine stock, dairy or poultry farm. Will sell at a bargain to quick buyer. Address J. V. Lupton, Charleroi, Pa.

READY MADE BUSINESS WAGONS
LARGEST AND BEST LINE
See Wm. BECKERT—All our own make
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CHARLEROI, WASHINGTON CO., PA., MONDAY, JANUARY 23, 1911.

One Cent

Fayette City Fire Loss \$75,000

MONESSEN EIGHT-YEAR-OLD DISAPPEARS FROM HIS HOME

Supposed to Have Gone
Toward New York
City

MIND FIRED BY PICTURES

William Tell Sort of Lad
Anxious to Follow Life
of Adventure

Morris Rosenbloom, 8 years old, the son of Benjamin Rosenbloom, a Monessen baker, is among the missing, having disappeared from home last Saturday. The lad is supposed to have gone in the direction of New York, where it is alleged he had told his mother he was going to become a "cowboy."

Apparently the boy's mind had become filled with deeds of daring cowboys as seen at the moving picture shows, and he conceived the idea that as the pictures were supposed to be made in New York there would be the place for him to go to satisfy his desire for adventures. He was last seen at about 11 o'clock Saturday morning.

Last Thursday the boy ran away, it is said, and was found on the streets of Monongahela. He was sent back home and then kept in the house until Saturday, when he was let out, to again disappear.

The boy is remarkably bright for a lad his age, but his mind is inflamed more with tales of daring and such as is pictured and such as he is able to read about. He is naturally of a romantic nature, and it is understood that at the age of three years, when the family lived in Canonsburg, he ran away and went to Washington, where he was found some time later. At another time after the family had moved to Monessen, he was discovered with a 22 calibre revolver, playing the part of William Tell. Rosenbloom had on a gray suit. He weighs 65 pounds and is a talkative little chap.

MINISTER SURPRISED

Rev. D. V. Jones, pastor of St. James' A. M. E. church, and wife were tendered a surprise by members of his church and a number of friends when they flocked in upon him one evening recently, each bearing some token of esteem. On behalf of the member Rev. D. F. Ferguson made a presentation speech, which was feelingly responded to by both Rev. Jones and Mrs. Jones. Among the articles presented the popular minister and his wife were a ham, two sacks of flour, potatoes, tomatoes, corn, sugar, coffee and numerous other things. The sum of \$5.20 was presented by Mrs. Cassie Fredwood, it having been donated by white friends. The committee arranging the affair consisted of Mrs. Fredwood, Misses Stella Minnie and M. Dillion. Refreshments were served.

T. Jay Reeves and Floyd Chalfant were visitors in California over Sunday with the latter's brother J. R. Chalfant.

Loses Marble; Fire is Result

Monessen Boy Nearly Causes
Bad Conflagration
Sunday Afternoon

When a boy lost a marble in a cellar of M. W. Cheesbrough at Monessen yesterday and struck a match to search for it, he started a fire, which had not it been for prompt work on the part of volunteer firemen might have resulted seriously. Last night the Monessen fire department was called to the home of Charles Smith of Second street. The people had been awakened by smoke. The firemen cut through various parts of the house but could discover no fire. Finally the smoke disappeared. Miss Clara Everhart, who was visiting the Smiths, needed the attention of a physician, on account of the smoke had she inhaled.

OPINION RENDERED BY COURT

Vandergrift Case Over
Tombstone is at
an End.

BODY MAY BE REMOVED

Judge J. A. McIlwaine Saturday handed down an adjudication in the litigation of the Vandergrift heirs over a tombstone in the Beallsville cemetery and the removal of the body of Mrs. John H. Vandergrift to an adjoining lot.

Mrs. Julia A. Vandergrift of Allegheny is the plaintiff, and the defendants are Mrs. Riley Anderson of Fredericktown and Mrs. Mary E. Scott of Washington, daughters of the late John H. Vandergrift. The plaintiff is their sister-in-law and the widow of the late John M. Vandergrift.

In its adjudication the court rather compromises the matter. The tombstone, valued at \$300, removed from the lot, title to which is claimed by the plaintiff, is to be allowed to remain in the defendants' lot, where their father lies, but they must pay the plaintiff \$300 for another stone to take the place of the one removed from plaintiff's lot. The daughters are to be permitted to remove the body of their mother from the lot owned by Mrs. Julia Vandergrift. This will leave the plaintiff's lot for herself and for her husband, who already lies there. The defendants are directed to pay the costs.

Miss Anna Buchanan visited California friends Saturday evening.

SEVEN BUSINESS HOUSES ARE ENTIRELY DESTROYED

Fayette City Fire Department Unable to Control
Flames Issues Call for Assistance to Charleroi,
Monessen and Belle Vernon—Prompt Response Saves Town From Probable Destruction

CONFLAGRATION ORIGINATES IN ELEVATOR SHAFT OF MULLIN BLOCK AT BACK OF TAILOR SHOP

Seventy-five thousand dollars and the fire spread down Market with astonishing rapidity. Gas pipes in one or two of the buildings were melted and gas poured out and caught fire.

Down Market street the conflagration progressed until the corner of Market and Main was reached and the buildings on Main caught fire.

When it was seen that the Fayette City fire department could not hope to cope with the raging fire, telephone messages were sent to Chief J. M. Fleming of Charleroi, Chief William Laird of Monessen and the chief of the Belle Vernon fire department. Chief Fleming turned in the alarm and soon had 15 men ready to start. A special car was secured from the Pittsburgh Railway company and taking two reels of hose the company hastened to the scene of the fire. They arrived just six minutes after the Monessen and Belle Vernon departments who went by special train, and had their 1,000 feet of hose and had a stream of water playing on the flames in less time than it takes to tell it. Attention was turned to buildings along Main street to keep the flames from spreading further and after much hard work the firemen succeeded in controlling the conflagration. Shortly after the Charleroi, Monessen, and Belle Vernon departments returned home.

When it was seen that the fire could not be controlled without eating out a large portion of the business section volunteers started to get furniture and personal belongings from many of the buildings and considerable property was saved in that way. The mail from the postoffice was saved. J. N. Mullin, it is stated, owned most of the buildings burned, although another block owned by T. W. Miller and R. M. McCune, in which were the postoffice and the pool room was totally destroyed.

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WAS SICK FOUR YEARS MINISTER STRICKEN

Daniel Stroud, Well
Known Charleroi Man
Dies Today

Fayette City Pastor
Has Apopleptic
Attack

James Daniel Stroud, 55 years and 7 months old, a well known resident of Charleroi died this morning at 12:45 o'clock after suffering for four years from consumption. He expired in the presence of all members of his family, at his home on Prospect avenue. The funeral will be conducted by Rev. V. G. Hostetler of the Charleroi church at his late residence at 1 o'clock Wednesday. Interment will be in the Maple Creek cemetery.

The deceased is survived by his wife, Jane Hannon Stroud, three sons, Charles, Burton and Walter, one daughter, Miss Bessie, all of Charleroi; his mother Mrs. Martha Stroud of East Pike Run township, and one brother Burton of East Pike Run.

Mr. Stroud has lived here for about

Rev. Theodore S. Negley, pastor of the Little Rock Stone Presbyterian church, three miles from Fayette City, was stricken with apoplexy last Friday night as he was about to start for Georgia to remain for his health the next two months. It was reported that his condition was serious. Mr. Negley is 65 years old and is a well known clergyman in Western Pennsylvania. He is a member of the Uniontown presbytery.

Addison Ebbats was sent to the Mercy Hospital Pittsburgh today to take treatment for stomach trouble.

8 years coming from Fallowfield township. He entered business here but shortly after was forced to retire because of ill health.

HOME BURNS TO GROUND WHILE FAMILY IS ABSENT

Governor is
Honor Guest

Collins Homestead at
Elco is Prey to
Flames

Pennsylvania Society Holds
Banquet in New York
City

INCENDIARISM SUGGESTED

Fire of unknown origin totally destroyed the old Collins homestead, owned by George Collins, with its contents at Elco Saturday night, entailing a loss of about \$5,000 all told. Three-fourths of the loss is covered by insurance.

The house has been closed up for three months, members of the family with the exception of Mr. Collins being in Florida. He has not been living at the house. When the place was closed up gas was turned off at the meter, and all the matches removed from the premises. Not fifteen minutes before flames were discovered, Robert Little, a young Elco man, passed the building on his way to Roscoe, and looked at the house. It failed to notice any smoke or indication of fire. When the alarm was turned in flames were eating their way into the upper part of the house and gaining headway every second. The building was a two story structure and the dry wood burned like so much tinder. Without the aid of extensive fire fighting apparatus little could be done and it was not many minutes after the fire started at about 6:30 o'clock until the whole was a mass of ruins with nothing standing but the chimneys.

Apparently the fire originated in the basement and there are hints at incendiarism. Mr. Collins was in Pittsburgh at the time and did not know a thing about the fire until late in the evening. Some time ago he had a building destroyed by fire at Elco, entailing a heavy loss to him.

ACCEPTS CALL TO THE EAST

Rev. Clifford Joshua to
Leave Soon for
Nesquehoning.

HERE ABOUT ONE YEAR

Rev. Clifford S. Joshua, pastor of the First Baptist church, Sunday morning presented his resignation to his congregation as minister and announced that he had accepted a call to the First Baptist church of Nesquehoning, Carbon county. The resignation, which was accepted, will take effect



Rev. Clifford Joshua.

the first of February, and Rev. Joshua will deliver his farewell sermon next Sunday evening.

During the past two weeks Rev. Joshua has been holding revival ser-

Notice to Taxpayers:

This is the last month for 1910 taxes at face. Beginning with February 1, five per cent will be added to all 1910 borough and school taxes. I also have the 1909 and 1910 State and county delinquent list.

14016 J. W. Mathias, Collector.

Melford McCann and Elmer Wolfe were visitors at California Saturday evening.

vices at Nesquehoning, and he was remarkably successful, so much so, in fact that, the congregation of that place extended to him an urgent call to become their pastor. Nesquehoning is in the center of a Welsh settlement, and Rev. Joshua who came from Wales little more than a year ago, considers that he can do possibly better work in the eastern town than he can here.

Rev. Joshua has become a popular minister during his stay in Charleroi, and his departure will be regretted by his many friends and acquaintances as well as his brother ministers, by whom he was held in high regard. He became pastor of the Charleroi church in March 1, 1910.

J. K. Tener, Pres. S. A. Walton, Vice Pres. E. H. Rush, Cashier.

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and satisfactory to transact your banking business with the First National Bank of Charleroi.

Our location is central and our service prompt and obliging.

Checking accounts are cordially invited.

4 Per cent. Interest Paid on Savings Accounts
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In the work shop, that is where the real value of an article is determined.

The way a jewel, or a piece of jewelry is handled in a work shop often determines its price.

Our workshop facilities for making and repairing are unsurpassed.

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Most Daring Clean-Up Sale

In a word the most sensational CLEAN-UP SALE of shoes Charleroi has ever seen. Actual value and original cost lost sight of in our determination to dispose of all odd lines and surplus stock in record selling time. Read! Read!

Women's \$3.50 and \$4.00 Shoes

Made of all leathers and velvets, Suede or Roman silk, all the latest lasts, latest style heels and toes, by far the best shoe values you have ever bought, all sizes and widths to fit every foot. Choice of the entire lot at..... **\$1.95**

Women's \$2.50 and \$3.00 Shoes

All our broken lines of \$2.50 and \$3 shoes piled on tables, hundreds of pairs, sizes 2 1/2 to 7 in all the wanted leathers in lace and button with Goodyear welted soles **\$1.69**

Sample Shoes Women's Sample shoes in sizes 2 1/2 to 4 1/2 only—in all leathers—mostly lace styles, worth \$2 to \$4 a pair, on the tables at..... **98c**

Men's Shoes

Made with two full soles and leather lined all through, a good dry foot working shoe, special at..... **\$1.69**

Men's shoes, heavy calfskin uppers and good, solid leather soles—a 1 sizes 6 to 11, \$1.50 grades at..... **98c**

Boys' Shoes

Good dressy looking, calfskin shoes and solid leather oak soles, all sizes, 1 to 5 1/2, at..... **88c**

Girls' Shoes

Stacked on tables, sizes up to 2. Shoes worth \$2 to \$3 all at..... **\$1.24**

Men's Shoes

Tan lotus calf, black velour calf and patent colts—in—lace and button styles—every pair Goodyear welt soles—new high toe and heel last—every pair worth \$3.50. A great bargain at..... **\$1.95**

Men's High Cuts

Full 12 1/2 and 18-inch high cuts, in tan and black, 2 full viscol waterproof soles to heel. The best \$4 and \$5 grades. This sale at..... **\$2.69**

Men's and Boys'

High cut shoes with heavy pig skin uppers, full double soles, \$3 and \$5.50 shoes, special at..... **\$1.95**

Women's Julietts

About 600 pairs for this sale, with tip or plain toes, flexible soles and rubber heels, \$1.25 values at..... **98c**



Sample Shoe Store,
502 Fallowfield Avenue

Under the Orator's Spell.
Justice Brewer was once speaking of the oratory of John B. Gough. "I would go home after hearing his eloquence thoroughly charmed, but when my father or mother asked me what Gough had said I could not tell them for the life of me. I remember once at a Yale commencement along in the fifties, about the time that I was graduated there, an incident illustrating the force of personal magnetism. Gough was to deliver an oration. He spoke, of course, on temperance. There was a distinguished audience. On the stage were many of the venerable, notable men in New Haven of that day. A large space was clear about the table, for Gough liked to walk back and forth as he talked. He described how a drunkard had beaten his wife and came to his climax with, 'Any man who would kick a woman ought to be kicked out of the universe!'"

"He emphasized his words with a vigorous thrust of one foot, whereat every person on the stage, intensely wrought up by the orator, likewise kicked outward as did Gough."—Kansas City Journal.

When Tabby Raises Her Battle Cry.
Despite the cat's softness, laziness, business and purring amiability, her piercing warrery in the night startles and exasperates us beyond all bearing—not by its loudness, but by a certain vicious, weird, half-roaring, half-furrowing note in it that makes us spring to arms with the bootjack or other substitute for the boomerang, as the warwhoop of our tribal enemies did a century or centuries ago, says Dr. Woods Hutchinson in Success Magazine.

One of Mark Twain's wise old frontiersmen had caught this note when he explained to the tenderfoot that animal speech had rules of composition and grammar, just like human speech, and that "the reason a cat riles ye so ain't on account of the noise she makes, but on account of the sickenin' bad grammar she uses." And he was right, for the grammar of sculp lifting and the whole alphabet of battle, murder and sudden death tingles and screams in the rasping cry.

Two Can Play.
"Waiter," called the irate diner, "there seems to be a dollar on this bill I can't account for."

"Oh, that's just a joke, sir," apologized the waiter, "just a bet the cashier and I have. I'll have it fixed right away, sir."

"What do you mean about a bet?" asked the diner, detaining him.

"Well, sir, I bet the cashier 50 cents you would see the mistake, and he bet you wouldn't, so I win, sir."

"Suppose I hadn't noticed it?"

"He'd have got the dollar, sir."

"Oh, I see. Give me your pencil."

And he wrote a few lines on the back of the bill, folded it up and handed it to the waiter. "Take that to the cashier."

The waiter leaned over the cashier's shoulder as he unfolded the paper. It read:

"I'll bet you \$5 that when you send this back you don't find me."

And they didn't.—Lippincott's.

Practical Help.
"Mister," whined the mendicant with the wooden leg, "can't you help a poor old sailor who has had his leg bitten off by a shark?"

"Dear me!" exclaimed the kind hearted professor. "I believe I can, my poor man. Come around to the college."

After bobbling along for ten blocks the professor led the way through an iron gate and up to his study.

"Here you are, my poor man. Now, don't say I never gave you anything."

The beggar almost toppled over with astonishment.

"What's that, sir?"

"Why, that's my latest book on 'Sharks and Their Ways.' If you have that book with you when you fall overboard next time you won't lose the other leg. You'll know just how to dodge them. Good day."—Chicago News.

Earliest Theater.
What was probably one of the earliest theaters built was the theater of Dionysus, which was begun five centuries before Christ. The seating capacity of this remarkable building is said to have been 30,000, nearly four times that of our largest amusement palace.

The theater of Dionysus was erected when Greek art and literature were in their prime. Here were presented to appreciative spectators the wonderful works of Aeschylus, Sophocles and Euripides.

A Sickly Diary.
"Look here, old chap, I'll give you a valuable tip," said the experienced married man to the prospective bridegroom. "Don't let your wife keep a diary on the honeymoon. My wife did that, and now whenever we quarrel she brings it out and reads some of the idiotic things I said to her then."

A Serious Joke.
"What has happened to Mr. White, who used to be such a joker?"

"Well, he proposed to his present wife as a joke. She accepted him, and he has given up making jokes ever since."—Dorffbarlier.

Receiving.
Mr. Closecovey (during his wife's reception)—She gives 'em lights, she gives 'em music, she gives 'em food, flowers, champagne, and that's what she calls receiving.—London Tit Bits.

Prepared.
Milly—Do you think widowers make good husbands? Billy—Sure. They know what's coming to them.—New York Times.

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The Charleroi Mail

Insert an attractive display advertisement for a reasonable time and be convinced that advertising will produce results.

Coyle Theatre

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In the Best of American Comedies

THE MAN ON THE BOX

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Special Cast and Production

Prices - - - 25c, 35c, 50c, 75c, \$1.00

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Coyle Theatre

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Presents

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Adaptation From The German

THE BLUE MOUSE

As Played For 14 Solid Months
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To the person that will suggest the most suitable name for the New Theatre that we expect to erect in Charleroi. This contest open to everybody, although no contestant can send in more than three names to be entered for this prize contest.

Merely write a short letter plainly writing out the names you wish to enter in this contest, and also give us your full name and address.

We have arranged with three responsible business people of Charleroi, to act as judges with two other judges that we will appoint representing our interests in the matter. This contest closes February 15th, 1911.

In order to give you some idea regarding the kind of theatre that we are going to erect, would say that it will represent an investment of at least \$45,000, including the price of the property. It will be built to seat at least 1,200 people in comfort, and will be so arranged that the best kind of traveling road shows can be presented on its stage. It is our intention to continually present high class medium priced Vaudeville acts, in connection with best kind of Photo Motion pictures the year round.

We would be pleased to put your name on our mailing list so that you would regularly get our Investors News Magazine every month, which tells you all about the progress we are making with this enterprise.

Forward your reply to our Pittsburg Office, Room 837 Oliver Bldg., where all of the names will be held and sorted for the final decision and selection on February 15th, 1911.

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Are advisable on the part of those going to Europe in the next six months. The Coronation of King George the Fifth on June 22, the opening of the Italian Exposition on March 27, and other attractive events, will make choice accommodations very scarce in the near future. For particulars apply to this office.

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Stock Taking Sale

Starts Today; Ends January 31, '11

The taking of our inventory is an Annual Event---and it gives rise to the biggest and best sale of the entire year. There are literally hundreds of special price reductions now offered and every family in this whole community should see the splendid savings you can now make. It is the time to act. There is nothing sensational about this sale, but we want you to get our Sale List and read every item---read carefully. These opportunities come but once each year. Read the list below; it shows many of our special prices for this sale and there are many others in every department.

Dress Goods Reductions

One special lot of dress goods that have a most interesting price. These were 75c, \$1, and \$1.50. Sale price..... Half Price
85c foulards go at 65c
75c foulards go at 50c
15c foulards go at 75c
50c wool suitings at 38c
50c drapery silks 35c
\$1.00 plaid, 44-inch at 75c
1 35 cashmere soi (all silk) at 95c

Knit Scarfs and Shawls at Half Price

\$1.50 flannel skirts 98c
1.25 wool breakfast shawls 98c
3.50 double wool shawls \$3.75
4.50 double wool shawls 3.50
6.00 double wool shawls 4.00

Final Clearance of all Furs and all Coats and all Suits for Ladies, Misses and Children

FURS HALF PRICE. Now is the time to buy furs. We've a big lot of furs left and the cuts must be made---there is no other alternative. If you want a fur scarf or set of furs come at once and make your selection---the loss is ours.

We've a big lot of furs ranging in prices \$1.00, 2.00, 4.00, 6.00, 8.00, 10.00, 20.00, and all go at half price.

All mink furs or mink sets go one-third off.

Our finest \$65.00 pony coat at \$40.00
Our finest 30.00 coats at 19.50
Our finest 25.00 coats at 15.00
Our finest 20.00 coats at 13.50
Our finest 18.50 coats at 12.50
Our finest 15.00 coats at 9.50
Our finest 12.50 coats at 8.00
Our finest 10.00 coats at 6.75

A big lot of children's coats, ages 2 to 4 years, and 6 to 14 years.

One lot children's coats in reds, blues, browns & ays, sale price Half Price
\$3.50 coats go at \$2.25
4.00 coats go at 2.50
5.00 coats go at 3.50
6.50 coats go at 4.00
7.50 coats go at 4.75
8.50 coats go at 5.00
10.00 coats go at 6.50

One \$15.00 net waist \$5.00
One lot of net waists, were \$5.00, 4.50, 4.00, 3.50, sale price \$2.00

Co. Ed. Dresses, were \$15.00. Sale price \$5.00

One special lot of serge dresses were \$12.50, sale price \$3.00

Ladies' suits must be closed out and no fair offer will be refused. Look at these prices:

Our best \$27.50 suits go at \$18.00
Our best 25.00 suits go at 15.00
Our best 22.50 suits go at 13.50
Our best 20.00 suits go at 12.50
Our best 18.00 suits go at 11.00
Our best 16.50 suits go at 10.00
Our best 15.00 suits go at 9.50
One lot ladies' suits that were \$15, \$18, \$20 and \$25, our sale price 7.50

Ladies' Wrappers

Ladies' \$1.00 wrappers 75c
Ladies' 1.50 wrappers 98c
50c kimonas 38c
75c kimonas 50c
1.00 kimonas 75c
1.50 kimonas \$1.00

Black Petticoats

Special sale of black petticoats that should interest every woman. 47c, 60c, 85c, \$1.58, \$1.98.

Dresses

One lot of \$10.00 silk dresses will be sold quick at \$5.00. See these---they are very pretty.

Fine White Waists

\$1.00 white waists go at 75c
1.50 white waists go at \$1.00
2.00 white waists go at 1.25
2.50 white waists go at 1.50
3.00 white waists go at 2.00
3.50 white waists go at 2.50
3.75 white waists go at 2.50
4.00 white waists go at 2.50

Wonderful Price Reductions to interest all people.

\$1.00 white undershirts go at 79c
1.75 white undershirts go at \$1.25
One lot \$1.00 corset covers 69c
One lot 1.00 gowns 69c
One lot combination suits one-fourth off
Knit goods---sweaters, leggings, toques, knit caps, go at one-fourth off.
Dress trimmings---buy them to-day. Your choice, one-fourth off.

A few pieces kimono cloth, 15c grade at 11c

25c white waistsings 16c

50c white waistsings 33c

\$1.25 Reddisode cotton, 4 lbs 85c

10c Elyria---home-made lace 6c

40c and 50c embroidery, special lot yd. 25c

3 pieces of 2 c curtain materials 12c

1 piece lace curtain material 50c grade 33c

1 lot special 12c percale 9c

Linen broderie, special 9c

One special lot dress gingham 7c

One special lot apron gingham 5c

10c fleeced goods 7c

12c fleeced goods 9c

25c white madras 19c

20c white madras 12c

12c silkoline drapery 9c

Dimitry bed spreads at half price

25c striped pongee 15c

4 pieces french lina, 25c grade 12c

5 pieces french galatea, 18c grade 12c

2 pieces gray soisette, 25c grade 12c

35c fancy soisette 16c

One special lot of lace 33c

One special lot embroideries 7c

One special lot embroideries 9c

Ladies' \$1.50 suede gloves \$1.15

One lot \$1.00 & \$1.25 kid gloves 79c

One lot \$1.50 kid gloves 95c

Ladies' 50c phoenix mufflers 35c

Ladies' 25c phoenix mufflers 18c

2.00 shaving mirrors \$1.35

50c brilliant hat pins 35c

\$1.00 brilliant hat pins 75c

2.00 brilliant hat pins 1.25

2.50 brilliant hat pins 1.50

One big lot 2c hat pins 13c

One-fourth off on all leather bags.

Ladies' 50c neckwear 38c

Ladies' 25c neckwear 19c

Children's Australian wool pants, all sizes, extra good values, one-fourth off.

Ladies' 50c belts go at 35c

Ladies' 25c belts go at 18c

Special sale ladies' 75c, outside vests 50c

Ladies' \$1 knit slippers 75c

Children's 50c black vests 35c

Ladies' 50c fleece lined hose 35c

Ladies' puffs, \$3.00 grade at \$2.00

Ladies' puffs, \$2.50 grade at 1.50

20 per cent. off all blankets and comforts.

Special sale famous Merode vests & pants.

LOCAL MENTION

Interesting News Items Continued for Busy Readers.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Stech went to California for a visit over Sunday.

Miss B-rtba Kline and mother were in Etchama for a visit with friends Sunday.

Frank Barnett spent Sunday in Pittsburg with friends.

Thomas Owens was a Rices Landing visitor Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Richardson spent Sunday in McKeesport with relatives.

George Woodhall went to Uniontown yesterday on a business trip.

Dr. J. B. Barth is confined to his home on Washington avenue by illness.

Harry Christ was a visitor in Pittsburg over Sunday with friends.

Charles and Alphonse Hockendanner were Pittsburg visitors Sunday.

Councilman C. Schmeiler is transacting business today in Pittsburg.

Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Walters spent Sunday in Pittsburg visiting their son, Edgar.

Mrs. Florence Wilson and Miss Clara Collins of Uniontown left for Monaca, before leaving their friend, Mrs. Christner over Sunday.

Miss Maude Uhler of Philadelphia, a former resident of Charleroi, was a guest of Mrs. A. W. Day at the Hotel Artair over Sunday.

Miss Marial Scott is substituting as a teacher of history at the Moness-high school.

TO LOAN--\$2,000, first mortgage. Inquire of Steen and Dils, Real Estate agents Moness, Pa. 14076

"THE MAN ON THE BOX"

ONE OF THE BEST PLAYS

Tonorrow night the attraction at the Coyle Theatre will be John McMan in the Harold McGrath comedy, "The Man On The Box." Ever since its first production with Henry E. Dixey in the leading role, this play has been a strong favorite with theatre-goers. It combines crisp, clean comedy with good drama, is a consistent, well written play and can be seen again and again, each time with keen enjoyment.

Moonlight Dance

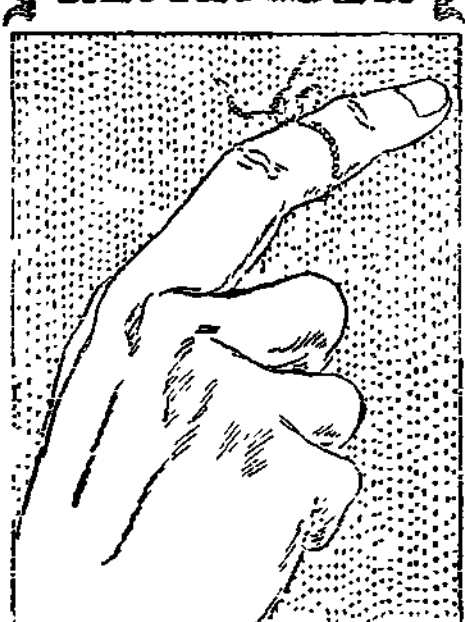
The Tuesday Night Dancing Class will give a Moonlight dance next Tuesday evening in the Bank Hall.

Clubs 7-30. Social dance 9 to 12. The 7-30, which made a hit with the class, will be taught and danced on Tuesday evening. 13616

The Man On the Box

The scale of prices for "The Man On The Box" which appears at the Coyle Theatre tomorrow night follow: First two rows \$1.00 each; next six rows 75c each, and last eight rows 50c each.

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Saved by His Wit.

Lord Justice Fitzgibbon, at the time when he was one of the Justices of appeals of Ireland, was holding assizes in Tipperary county when a man was brought before him on indictment for murder. The case was proved that the victim came to his death by being bit with a stick in the hands of the defendant, but the doctor testified that he had what they called in medical parlance a "paper skull."

The case looked dark for the prisoner, however, and the jury returned a verdict of guilty. As the man was brought before the court for sentence it was noticed that his lordship had his black cap in his hand.

"Have you anything to say why sentence should not be pronounced upon you?" demanded Lord Fitzgibbon.

The man looked for a moment and then said, "No, your lordship, I have nothing to say, but I should like to ask one question."

"What is that, my man?" said Fitzgibbon.

"I should like to know what a man with a head like that was doing in Tipperary."

The black cap was put away and a prize was pronounced.

Portrait--A Game.

In the game called portrait one person leaves the room while the others choose the name of some one they all know. The person on re-entering the room has to guess the name selected by asking questions which must be answered only by "Yes" or "No." For instance, "Is it a man?" "No." "Is it a woman?" "Yes." "Is she married?" "No." "Is she tall?" "Has she fair hair?" "Are her eyes blue?" "Is she in this room?" and so on till the portrait is recognized.

Sometimes the company choose the one who went outside to be the portrait, which naturally makes the guessing rather more difficult.

What Feet Are These?

There's a foot that's played all over our land.

There's a foot that is often seen in the street.

There's a foot that crosses a stream And a foot we sometimes strike in a dream.

There's a foot that marches in rain or shine And a foot that has measured many a line.

There's a foot which makes for our feet a rest And a foot which is heard from east to west.

Answers--Football, footprint, foot-bridge, footboard, foot soldier, foot-race, footstool, footstep.

Above is the portrait of the largest hippopotamus in the New York zoo. He is hungry and waiting for the attendant to bring his dinner along. You can see by his open smile that he is able to take a pretty large mouthful in captivity the hippopotamus is fed grass and hay, bread, carrots and various other vegetables. When the keeper feeds bread the hippo simply opens his mouth and lets the man pitch the loaves into his cavernous maw.

In their native habitat, Africa, hippos are sometimes found as much as fourteen feet long and nearly five feet high, but they usually are much smaller. They delight in water, living in lakes and rivers and feeding on water plants and the herbage growing near the water. They are good swimmers and divers and can remain under water eight or ten minutes.

An Account to Settle.

The Lawyer--Madam, I find that your husband's will leaves you nothing but what the law compelled him to leave you. The Widow (crying and forgetting)--Just wait till I see him.

An Example.

Knicker--They say that in 3,000 years Niagara will stop flowing. Mrs. Knicker--That makes me hope the plumber will get our leak fixed yet--Harper's Bazar.

Classified Ads

FOR SALE--Furniture including bedroom suite, chairs, table, gas range and heating stove. R. S. Philips. Free building 14076

FOR RENT--Two furnished rooms for light housekeeping. 107 Second street. 140720

STRAYED OR STOLEN--Scottish Collie dog, white with tan spots on face, back and tail. Reward if returned to 219 Shady avenue. 14076

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FOR SALE--\$375 Clough and Warren Grand Combination Organ with pedals and blow lever and one Two Manual Mason and Hamlin church organ. Wm. B. Wherry, 537 Fallowfield avenue, Charleroi. 13578p

WANTED--A nurse girl. Apply L. Collins, 218 Washington avenue. 13672

WANTED--Girl at 325 Washington avenue. 13516c

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No woman should submit to a surgical operation, which may mean death, until she has given Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound a fair trial.

This famous medicine, made only from roots and herbs, has for thirty years proved to be the most valuable tonic and invigorator of the female organism. Women residing in almost every city and town in the United States bear willing testimony to the wonderful virtue of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound.

Mrs. Pinkham, at Lynn, Mass., invites all sick women to write her for advice. Her advice is free, confidential, and always helpful.

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Eckman's Alternative has cured many people at home, where their dear ones encourage them and give them that tender care which money cannot buy.

After you have thoroughly investigated our affidavits and testimonials--feeling sure in your own mind that Eckman's Alternative is not a new fad--start taking the Alternative. Your improvement should be gradual, but certain.

If you have been faithful to Eckman's Alternative you will be amazed at your improvement. Write for a statement from one who knows follows:

220 So 4th St., Colwyn, (Darby) Pa. Gentlemen: "For four years I was troubled with cough, which gradually became worse. I had night sweats and pains in my chest. I was losing my appetite and had become so thin and weak I could not attend to my household duties. A physician pronounced my case Consumption. Not being satisfied, I was examined by the physicians of the Polyclinic Hospital. They also pronounced the disease Consumption, which was proven later by an examination of sputum. As Tuberculosis Bact. was found, I was ordered to a Consumptive Hospital. My nephew would not allow me to go until I had tried Eckman's Alternative. Before I had taken the first three weeks I had marked relief; night sweats ceased; pain in the breast relieved; cough became loose and easy; fever left me and I commenced getting well. My health became normal. I am in excellent health now and have been completely cured for ten years. I can't recommend it."

(Signed) MRS. MARY WASSON, Eckman's Alternative cured a Consumptive. My brother, Thomas and Lung Affection. I had been cured cases of Tuberculosis. Eckman's Alternative cured me. I can't recommend it. Eckman's Alternative cured me. I can't recommend it.

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